

Marriages of Overseas Indians

†175. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Overseas Indians face difficulties in getting married;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to enact a law to dispense justice to overseas Indian victims of marriages and put a curb on financial fraud?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs does not maintain data on difficulties/problems faced by overseas Indians in getting married. However instances of problems arising from marriages to overseas Indians are received from time to time.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Death of Indians in Saudi Arabia

176. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of that nearly 300 Indians died in Saudi Arabia during this year due to unnatural causes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the leading cause of unnatural deaths were on account of suicides committed mainly due to non-payment of salaries, harassment by employers; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard with the Saudi Government?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Embassy of India, Riyadh, as on 14.11.06 out of total 1155 deaths in KSA about

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